

# Press Release



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## Jim Simons Conducts Geocaching Programs at Lake Metigoshe State Park

Jim Simons, a geocaching enthusiast, will be celebrating National Trails Day at Lake Metigoshe State Park. On Friday, June 2, Simons will be putting on a program entitled "Geocaching 101" at 9:30 p.m. at the park's amphitheater, located between the Maid O' Moonshine and Washegum campgrounds. The program will also include an after-dark geocaching activity. Jim will also be at the park for a geocaching program on Saturday, June 3. Meet at the Warming House at 10 a.m. for more geocaching fun! Bring your own global positioning system (GPS) if available.

For those who aren't familiar with geocaching, it's an entertaining adventure game for GPS users. Geocaching is a great way to get out and see places as you hunt for caches. The idea is to have individuals and organizations sponsor geocaches all over the world and share locations of the caches through the geocaching website ([www.geocaching.com](http://www.geocaching.com)). GPS users can then search for the location coordinates of caches utilizing their GPS units. Once a geocache is found, a cache can provide the visitor with a variety of rewards. The visitor is then asked to leave something in place of the accepted reward for someone else to find. Usually, there are logs placed in geocaches for people to leave an entry for the next person to read and add comments to. Geocaching provides a great activity to do with your friends or family.

Simons started geocaching in October of 2004. He became interested in geocaching because he enjoys land navigation and the outdoors. He has found over 350 caches ranging from Boston to Burlington, Fort Lincoln to Fort Lauderdale, and Dallas to Duluth. Jim has also been geocaching in Canada, Mexico and the Caribbean. His most memorable cache was "Deep Freeze" which required climbing into a steep butte 166 feet about the Petrified Canyon in the Badlands. Some examples of caches that Jim Simons has found include film canisters, fake rocks, ammo canisters and even a fake power outlet.

Lake Metigoshe State Park sponsors seven geocaches within the park; one of them is the state's only canoeing geocache. Last October, Jim Simons assisted the park with setting up six of them. The activity at Lake Metigoshe State Park's geocaches includes new park visitors who have come to the park specifically to find the geocaches. They provided pictures, a few rewards and log entries sharing their first experience at Lake Metigoshe State Park for the next visitors to read. Maybe we'll see your entry in our geocaches soon! Don't miss Jim Simons while he is at Lake Metigoshe State Park; it'll be fun for your whole family.

For more information, call 701-263-4514 or check out [www.parkrec.nd.gov](http://www.parkrec.nd.gov) as all interpretive programs are posted on the website. Lake Metigoshe State Park is located 14 miles NE of Bottineau, North Dakota, along the Lake Loop Road, just off of Highway 43.

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